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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,163,717
AB United States Patent No. 6,157,193
AC United States Patent No. 6,023,166
AD United States Patent No. 5,363,845

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AC and AD were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present specification. Reference AB corresponds to German Patent 197 51 017, also identified and discussed at this location in the specification. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Each of these references also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.


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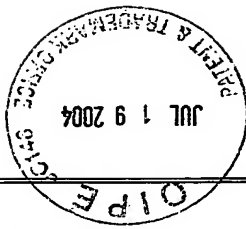
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